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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 13, 14, 16, and 20 have been amended herein. A listing of all claims can be found at pages 2-13 of this Reply.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-14, 16, and 20 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-2, 4-14, 16, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wolfe, *et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,037,930). It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Wolfe *et al.* does not disclose each and every aspect of applicant's invention as set forth in the subject claims.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ 2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). "The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the...claim." *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

The subject invention relates generally to interface circuits for touch screens, and, more particularly, to processing input(s) from such touch screens. Independent claim 1 has been amended herein to recite allowable aspects of claim 3 as indicated by the Examiner. Specifically, independent claim 1 now recites, "*determining whether the indication of the amount of difference exceeds a predetermined amount, the predetermined amount comprising a first amount in an X-direction and a second amount in a Y-direction, and comparing a first amount of difference with the first amount and comparing a second amount of difference with the second amount.*" Independent claims 5, 7, 13, 14, and 20 have been amended herein to recite similar aspects. As indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, Wolfe *et al.* does not describe, teach, or suggest such aspects.

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In view of at least the foregoing, it is readily apparent that Wolfe *et al.* does not anticipate or make obvious applicant's invention as set forth in independent claims 1, 5, 7, 13, 14, and 20 (and claims 2, 4, 6, and 8-12 and 16, which depend respectively there from). Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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